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1. Bulgaria has been divided into three travel zones for travel control purposes. These zones are as follows:
 - a. Restricted or Forbidden Zone. This zone extends from the Bulgarian frontier to a point one to three kilometers in depth. Movement within this zone (usually allowed to residents of the zone) is permitted only by Otkrit List (travel permit), issued by the competent frontier authorities (Sektor, Uchastuk or Zastava), or by the presidents or vice-presidents of the communes. When issued by the latter, the Otkrit List must be approved by the competent frontier authorities in the area. Otkrit Lists to travel from the forbidden zone or the frontier zone to another part of the same zone, may also be issued by the Militia.
 - b. Frontier Zone. This zone extends from the forbidden zone to a point 30 to 40 kilometers in depth (i.e., from Kula to Gara Pirin). Movement within this frontier zone is by Otkrit List issued by the president or vice-president of the village where there are no Militia units stationed, and by the local Militia when a unit is stationed at the point of issuance. The above is true for movement within the zone involving the same district. In order to move from one district to another, the Otkrit List must be issued by the District Militia.
 - c. Interior Zone. Movement within the interior is possible without special travel permits. The only basic document necessary is the Lichna Karta (Identity Card). In order to travel to the frontier zone or to the forbidden zone from a point within the interior zone, the traveler must procure an Otkrit List from the Militia at his place of residence or from the Durzhavna Sigurnost (Special Security). Upon arriving at the frontier zone, the holder must have his travel permit inspected and countersigned by the local Militia or by the local military authorities whenever there is no Militia unit stationed at the point of arrival.
2. The Otkrit List must always be presented with the Lichna Karta, since it is a supplementary document.
3. The holder of an Otkrit List must always report to the Militia or Military authorities at the point of arrival, to have the document inspected and countersigned. Failure to do this is punishable with a 250 leva fine, or any

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other punishment deemed necessary by the Militia which apprehends a holder of an Otkrit List breaking this regulation.

4. Otkrit Lists vary from area to area. Recently, however, a trend has been noted in the usage of a centrally issued Otkrit List. This is a square document issued by the Directorate of the Militia of the Ministry of the Interior. It appears that these are issued to the Militia units throughout the country. However, the local Otkrit List is still in use.
5. Use is also made of an Otkrit List booklet which is issued to persons who constantly travel within the restricted (forbidden) or frontier zones. An example is a school teacher who teaches in a small town but makes periodic visits to his permanent residence in a nearby city.
6. Otkrit Lists are issued after the person requesting same has been investigated and found politically reliable by the Militia. Otkrit Lists are issued at the discretion of the Militia or other competent authorities, and usually "political unreliaables" are refused travel documentation.
7. Residents in the forbidden and frontier zones do not have special identity cards. Their Lichna Kartas are the same as those used throughout Bulgaria.

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